

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

1. Please substitute the following amended paragraph for pending paragraph [0017] on page 4:

[0001] Referring now to FIG. 1, an exemplary image producing machine 100 is shown and includes a paper or media holding and supply module 110, a finishing module 120, and an Image Output terminal (IOT) 130, each of which is a floor standing module on casters as shown. Importantly, the machine 100 includes a footprint-reducing tower 150 that constitutes a functioning part of the IOT but is built as a second level frame 152, above the IOT frame 132 standing on the floor on casters as shown, and significantly above an expected ordinary height of ~~ana~~ a floor standing IOT for such a machine as shown. The IOT 130 for example includes image forming apparatus such as a photoreceptor belt 134, toner supply apparatus 136, development units 138, and a fusing apparatus 140. The IOT 130 also includes significant portions of paper or media handling path apparatus 112. Other functioning components of the IOT such as electronic controllers 154, machine environment conditioning devices 156, are conveniently mounted within the frame 152 of the footprint-reducing tower 150, instead of conventionally as protrusions or bustles to the rear of the IOT.

2. Please substitute the following amended paragraph for pending paragraph [0019] on page 4:

[0002] Referring now to FIGS. 5-7, further details of the footprint-reducing tower 150 are shown. The frame 152 of the footprint-reducing tower 150 is also made strong enough to support a mounted User Interface device 160. As shown in FIG. 7, mounting the UI device 160 (which pivots up and down as shown by arrow 162, as well as side to side as shown by the arrow 164) to vertical of the frame 152 functions to free up significant work surface area 104 on the top of the IOT 130. The frame 152 is also used to carry an audible speaker assembly 106 and the machine's warning light 108.

3. Please substitute the following amended Abstract for pending Abstract on page 7:

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A reduced footprint image producing machine has functional components including image forming apparatus, controllers and machine environment conditioning devices; a floor standing first frame containing some of ~~said~~the functional components and having a height suitable for an operator work surface located at a top of ~~said~~the first frame; and a second frame mounted onto [[a]]the top of ~~said~~the first frame defining a footprint-reducing tower, ~~said~~the footprint-reducing tower, thereby preventing the addition of protrusions to a rear of ~~said~~the machine, and thus reducing the installed foot print of the machine.